

# UPCYCLE - trousers to long and short shorts

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a quick no nonsense way to make shorts out of trousers

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## Step 1 — Cut up your old ugly trousers/jeans



length of legs should be (a) length of short shorts + (b) length of cuffs + (c) any hem allowance - I used binding trim but if you are hemming, remember all raw edges need to be hidden as both sides will be visible.)

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## Step 2 — unpick side seams for cuff

(should be very easy, use a straight stitch to secure the loose threads otherwise your side seams will unravel all the way up while you're working!!)

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## Step 3 — Finish edges (hem)

however you like, as my fabric had a little stretch so I cut some binding tape along the grain of the fabric and used elasticstich to secure it. remember both sides need to be pretty!

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## Step 4 — add buttons and buttonholes!



easy peasy if you're using a machine with a 4 step buttonhole maker

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